

The **Lenten Penance Service** will be Friday March 31, 7pm at St Edward, Fairfield.

“On Tuesday of **Holy Week, April 11**, I will celebrate the **Mass of Chrism** in our Cathedral of Saint Peter in Belleville. The Mass will begin at 11:30 AM, in order to make it easier for our school children to participate. The Chrism Mass is one of the principal expressions of the life of our Local Church. On this day, the Priests and the Christian Faithful of the Diocese gather around me as I consecrate the Sacred Chrism and bless the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick.” The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton, Bishop of Belleville.

Is the LORD in our midst or not? Let God enhance your marriage by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** the weekend of April 21 - 23. To register call 314-649-7317 or go online at www.stl-wwme.org.

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King’s House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis, MO), on April 28-30, 2017. Take a chance and get involved... Cost is \$195 for meals and a single room. Call (312) 532-8286, e-mail reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or visit www.ReflectRetreat.com for details.

Travel with Fr. Martin Ohajunwa, on an Italy Wide & Switzerland trip. **Where:** Sorrento, Capri, Amalfi Coast, Pompeii, Rome, Assisi, Tuscany, Florence, Venice, Milan, Lake Como, Switzerland. **Trip Dates: May 11 - 23, 2017** Cost: \$4,600.00 Airfare and ALL - included. To register, please contact (855) 842-8001 or (508) 340-9370. Register online at www.proximotravel.com

Wine Tasting on Saturday March 25, Holy Cross Parish Center, Wendelin, 6 - 10:30 pm. Admission is \$10.00 person, and you will receive complimentary wine glass, tasting and appetizers. Domestic beer available for purchase. We will have 5 local wineries. Live music. \$15,000 cash raffle drawing. Tickets are \$100.00 each and only 375 tickets will be sold. Contact the parish office 752-5671, or website: www.holycrosswendelin.com

Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke to speak at Cristiada Conference at Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Cross, WI, July 21 and 22 The Queen of Americas Guild and Our Lady of Guadalupe, is please to announce a 2-day conference. The theme of the conference will be The Victory of Christ the King Through the Intercession of His Virgin Mother, Our Lady of Guadalupe. More information of bulletin board.

St. Edward and St. Stephen Catholic Churches



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St. Edward Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Friday after mass or by appt.

Parish Office: Peggy Garrison, Secretary
Office hours Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday,
8 a.m. to 12 noon Rectory/Office 847-7931
Fax – 847-7393 Parish Hall 847-7512

Bulletin Info: Peggy Garrison, Parish Office.
Please submit by noon on Thursday

New Parishioners Register at the Parish Office

PSR Coordinator: Sarah Pickens
RCIA Coordinator: Ginny Barrett
Music Director: Denise Zurliene

PARISH MONTHLY MEETINGS

Pastoral Council – 3rd Thursday
Altar Sodality – 3rd Monday
Men’s Club - As announced
CYO Meeting - As announced
Food Pantry Distribution – 2nd Saturday 8am

St. Stephen Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Reconciliation: Thursday, 7:30 a.m. or by appt.

Parish Office: Fern Ketzner, Secretary
Office hours Monday & Thursday mornings
Office, Fax and Social Room - 662-8121

Bulletin info: Beth Fancher, 665-3163 submit by
noon on Thursday email: bfancher1@hotmail.com

New Parishioner Register contact Dorothy
Uebinger 662-3711 email dot@wabash.net

Music Director: Diane Briscoe
PSR Coordinator: Becky Krutsinger

PARISH MONTHLY MEETINGS

Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday, 7 pm
Finance Committee – 2nd Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Altar Society - As announced
Pastoral Council - 4th Wednesday, 7 p.m.
Food Pantry Collection - First Weekend

Baptism, Marriage, RCIA, Vocations, Sacrament of Anointing & Care of the Sick, contact
Father Martin-Edward Ohajunwa or call St. Edward or St. Stephen Parish Offices.

One thing I ask of the Lord, and this I long, to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.(Ps. 27, 4)
That should be our daily prayer. That should be our daily desire. That should be our daily wish.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2017

ST. EDWARD MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 18, 6:00 p.m. – Dennis Milligan+
Sunday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. – The Garrison Family+
Thurs. March 23, **NO MASS**
Friday, March 24, **NO MASS**
Saturday, March 25, 6:00pm – Kris Huffstodt+
Sunday, March 26, 8:30am – Bill Grogan+

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—EVERY FRIDAY AT 6:30PM

Weekly Contribution 03/12/2017

Envelopes (33)... \$1,799.00
Loose 93.00
Total \$1,892.00
We need \$1,887.00

Building Fund \$ 78.00
Furnace Don. 25.00
Donation 130.00
Blk & Ind.Miss. 82.00
Attendance: Sat.—38
Sun—36

Saturday, March 25
Lector: Diana Zurliene
EM: Ken & Theresa Nordmann
Ushers: Dave & PJ Cavanaugh
Gifts: Sue Milligan, Alice Zurliene
Servers: Volunteers

Sunday, March 26
Lector: Ginny Barrett
EM: Peg Garrison, Emily Milligan
Ushers: Scott Mekle, Rick Titzer
Gifts: The Titzer Family
Servers: Grace & Andrew Milligan



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Garland Keck, Lanora Neavill, Ute Britton, Leon Chamness, Jack Ciesielczyk, Dan Kinsolving, Jim & Jane Mowry, Phyllis Laird, Kurt Wiseman, Nanette Williams, Julie Griffith, Gina Williams, Emilee Stanley, Noreen Reeves, Paula Zdan, Maddox Oppenheimer, Sara Kerchner, Charles Drechsel, Shirley Byars, Dorothy Baylor, Eva Decker, Matthew Rorban, Kathy Bramlet, Virginia Weinkeler, Tom Colvin, Shelly Lawler, Justin McKnight, Ryan McGehee, Teresa Williams, Andrew Mayo, Zeth Frank, Robyn Meagher, Sheila Zurliene, Sandra Henson, Andrew Luna, Elaine Jeffers, Jeff Zurliene, and all priests who are sick.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE: FRIDAY, MARCH 31 AT 7PM WITH STATIONS STARTING AT 6:30PM FOR BOTH PARISHES.

Our Daily Scripture Readings:

Mon: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Mt 1:16, 18-21
Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thur: Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Lk 1:26-28
Sun: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

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ST. STEPHEN MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 18, 4:00 p.m. – Marge Seelman+
Sunday, March 19, 10:30 a.m. - For the living & deceased of the parish
Wednesday, March 22, no mass 7 p.m. – Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, March 23, no mass
Friday, March 24 – No mass **Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m.**
Eucharistic Adoration – 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 25, 4:00 p.m. – Evelyn Myers+
Sunday, March 26, 10:30 a.m., - For the living & deceased of the parish



PRAYER INTENTIONS: Linda Griffy, Nichole Wheaton, Bill Marks, Lisa Persinger, Verna Oliver, LaVonne Kemmerer, Patience McKnight, Clara Wilson, Claire Fopay, Mildred Garrison, Ray Vaughn, Anita Allen, Lucille Anderson, Maria Oswald, Joe Falica, Lois Houlihan, Pat and Jean Quinn, Fred Kincaid, Ray & Irene Winka, Pat Venable, Chris Boyd, Dr. Mark Wallace, Bob Bluhm, Gerty Grundy, Ginny Timm, Herman Rudolphi, Tracy Winka, Jay Burgner, Steve Dudzik, Carmen Frost, Danny Miller, Ruth Wilson, Connie Krutsinger, Mike Burge, Angie Borrelli, Roger Wells, Rhett Greenwood, Liam Durre

Prayer Chain A prayer chain has been formed in our parish. When a parishioner has an intention and requests prayers, Erin Pierce will initiate the prayer chain. She will contact Fr. Martin who will determine the prayers. An email will be sent to all members, who will pray for the intentions. Each member should endeavor to assure the obligation is met. Contact Erin at 662-2266 or erinmp1968@aol.com.

CRY ROOM St. Stephen's Cry Room is in the Library, which is equipped with a TV which is set up with a live feed of the Mass in progress, during weekend masses.

CEMETERY CORNER

Spring is a great time to visit our cemetery and tidy up the resting places of our loved ones. Remember, lot prices increase in July.

Weekly Contributions 03-12-17

Envelopes..... \$1571.00
Loose..... \$ 189.00
Total..... \$1760.00
Black & Indian - \$91
Liturgies Donation - \$50.
Patio Donation - \$10

Thank you for your continued monetary support! We have budgeted for a weekly collection of \$1,731 to meet our expenses. Our 3-12-17 collections of \$1,760 were \$29 OVER Projected Collections for the week. Fiscal Year to Date Collections are \$7,937 UNDER Projected/ Budgeted Collections for the Fiscal Year.

Please consider giving SCRIP gift cards. We have cards from retailers and restaurants and can purchase from a list of hundreds of available SCRIP program participants. SCRIP is sold after weekend Masses or contact Erin Pierce at 676-4967. All proceeds benefit St Anne special projects fund.

Goodsearch/Goodshop News: If you would like to help out, please visit Goodsearch.com and type "St Anns Altar Society" (no punctuation) as your charity. If you use Goodsearch one penny is donated to St. Ann's for every search. Making Goodsearch your homepage. The money earned goes to the general fund which helps supply altar breads, altar cloths, and items for church.

ST. STEPHEN NEWS

,From the Pastor’s Desk.... Thank you to the households that have already pledged to support the mission of the Church to teach, preach, minister and serve in the name of Jesus through their financial support of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. So far \$3,462.80 has been pledged. If you have not yet responded, please make every effort to do so.

Choir practice for Holy Week has begun on Monday evenings, 7 pm. Practices will continue Monday evenings unless announced otherwise All parishioners are welcome to join.



Thank YOU to Pastorial Council for hosting a Pancake and Sausage Supper last Saturday night. It was great!



St. Anne's Altar Society has set the dates of April 21 and 22, for the upcoming **Annual Church Rummage Sale**. Please start saving items that are clean and in good working condition for the sale. No clothes though. We will have drop off dates listed soon. There will also be a **Plant Sale**.

EASTER FLOWER FUND. There are envelopes on the tables at both doors for anyone who would like to donate towards the Easter flower fund. The money can be donated in memory of a loved one. Please put the envelopes in the collection baskets during mass or give to Fern Ketzner or Bernie Brown. Please turn in by Palm Sunday.



The **Mother Daughter Banquet** is scheduled for Thursday, May 11. The next Altar Society meeting will be held at the banquet. For questions or concerns please contact Trudi Herdes [618-723-2720](tel:618-723-2720).

The **Rosary Campaign** promoted by the Respect Life Committee is extended until the end of the year. Please join this effort by praying the rosary for the protection of the lives of Christians throughout the world.

The Clay County Odds n Ends 4-H Club is sponsoring a **“PIE & COFFEE SENIOR SOCIAL”** on March 19, at 2 . – 3:30 p.m. at Heritage Woods. The 4-H Club is inviting young and old to enjoy home-made pies with a delicious cup of coffee, & the company of friends. Games will be played.

St. Stephen Parish School of Religion

2017 Calendar Sunday 9 to 10 am

March 19- Class 26 - Class

April 2- Class 9 - No Class- Palm Sunday 16 – No Class Easter 23- Class 30- Class

May 7 - No Class First Communion 14 – No Class Mothers Day 21 - Last Class Pizza Partv

ANONYMOUS ANGEL OF THE ALTAR

St. Ann’s Altar Society is inviting members of the parish to join in caring for the needs of our parish by becoming an “Anonymous Angel of the Altar.” A parish member can become an angel simply by making a yearly donation to St. Ann’s to help with charitable projects. St. Ann’s purchases altar bread, altar cloths, flowers and votive candles. Also funeral dinners, supplies for the kitchen and contribute for purchasing gifts for First Communion, Confirmation and Graduation classes; and for new mothers and newly married.

ST. EDWARD NEWS

WITH APPRECIATION: The Ladies Altar Sodality would like to thank all the parishioners who made the Salad Luncheon a huge success. From bringing in the food to all the workers and the ones that came and supported the event. We served 138 people and made \$1,300.00. Thank-you so very much!!!

Also, Altar Sodality will meet Monday, March 20th, at 6pm.

BIBLE STUDY: Part 2 of “Priest, Profit, and King”, will be held next weekend March 26th at 5:00pm. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Ken & Theresa Nordmann. Please plan on attending!

MEN’S SAUSAGE DINNER: Sunday, April 2nd, the Men’s Club will be holding their Sausage Dinner from 11:00am – 1:30pm. Ladies we will once again need your delicious desserts and if anyone wants to help please contact Dennis Zurliene. Menu consists of Whole Hog Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Apple Sauce, Sauerkraut, Drink and Dessert. Carry-Outs Available. Cost is Adults--\$10, Ages 5 thru 12--\$5, Children 4yrs. & under FREE!

YOUTH RALLY: The Diocese of Belleville will be holding a Youth Rally on Saturday, April 1st, at St. Mary Parish, Pastoral Center. Any Confirmed youth may attend the rally. There are flyers on the table in the hall if interested or you may contact Laura, Sarah or Emily Titzer. The rally runs from 9:00am to Closing Mass at 5:00pm with Bishop Braxton.

NEW FURNACES: Thank-you to everyone who has donated toward the new furnaces in the church. If anyone would still like to donate to help offset the cost of the furnaces, please put in envelope marked “Furnace Donation” and drop into the collection basket. **To date we have received \$955.00. Thank-you very much.**

THE 2017 CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL: Thank you to all the parishioners who have made their pledges to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. The CSMA provides a convenient way for all of us to take an active role in the mission of our diocesan Church. Please consider making a gift or pledge; **no amount is too large or too small**. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail or forgot to bring it, please use one of the envelopes in the pew at the back of church.

Our Parish goal is \$3,400. To date we have received \$2,888.00!!! We are only \$512.00 away from our goal.

GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME. ALL THE TIME GOD IS GOOD!